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'Totally Ridiculous'

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William Wesley Peters last night described as "totally ridiculous" Miss Alliluyeva's contentions that he had married her for her money and shown no interest in their daughter.

"I don't want to get into arguments with her," Mr. Peters said in a telephone interview from Taliesin West, the headquarters of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he is the senior architect.

"It's true that I haven't had much contact with Olga or done much for her," said Mr. Peters, who said he last saw Olga in the summer of 1983. "But Svetlana never would allow Olga to visit me or be a part of my life. She absolutely refused."

Mr. Peters, who asked the State Department to try to learn if Miss Peters had gone to the Soviet Union voluntarily, said: "My only concern is for Olga's future. I'm very much concerned that she may have gone there against her own wishes."

He said he wanted only to insure that Olga could return to the United States if she wished.

Asked about Miss Alliluyeva's contention that he married her for her money, he said: "That's totally ridiculous — totally contrary to fact." He said he felt a "great sense of sorrow" for his former wife because she has "apparently not been able to find the peace and joy she has sought."

Miss Alliluyeva made more than \$1 million on her two books published in the United States, but most of the money was lost on investments during her marriage to Mr. Peters.

The law firm of Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst, which Miss Alliluyeva criticized, was dissolved on June 30, 1982. Until then, it had been one of New York's most prominent law firms and a respected name in literary and civil-liberties legal circles for 60 years.

Edward S. Greenbaum, one of the founding partners, who handled Miss Alliluyeva's legal affairs when she first came to the United States in 1967, died in 1970. Maurice Greenbaum, the executive partner who later handled most of her affairs, had no comment.

John Wiener, another former partner, scoffed at her contentions. "Sure she signed a lot of papers, some of which brought her a large amount of money for her book, and for her second book," he said. "She set up various trusts, too. But the inference that we were connected to, or operated subject to, the C.I.A." is not true.

Mr. Wiener said that Edward and Maurice Greenbaum had both "extended to her the hospitality of their households."